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FY20 Foster Care Needs Assessment and Capacity Building Plan

Region 7

Presentation



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- Purpose of needs assessment and changes from last year.
- Key data from FY20 report on capacity for region.
- Goals from last year's strategic capacity building plan and discussion about needed updates, if any, to goals and strategies based on FY20 report.
- Other data in needs assessment and how you can use it.



Purpose of Needs Assessment

- Provide a broad roadmap and overview of substitute care needs to:
 - Inform annual regional substitute care capacity meetings.
 - Inform provider efforts to build capacity.
 - Focus on getting more children placed closer to home in family settings.



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Changes From Last Year

- Data provided on estimated daily beds needed rather than a volume of placements over the course of a year.
- Forecast provided through next biennium (FY22) rather than for just next year.
- Additional data points included.



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Data from FY20 Needs Assessment

Where Building R7 Capacity Would Be Most Impactful

- Increasing supply of basic and moderate placement services for youth and children.
- Leveraging vacant but active foster home capacity to increase the number of children placed in their communities.



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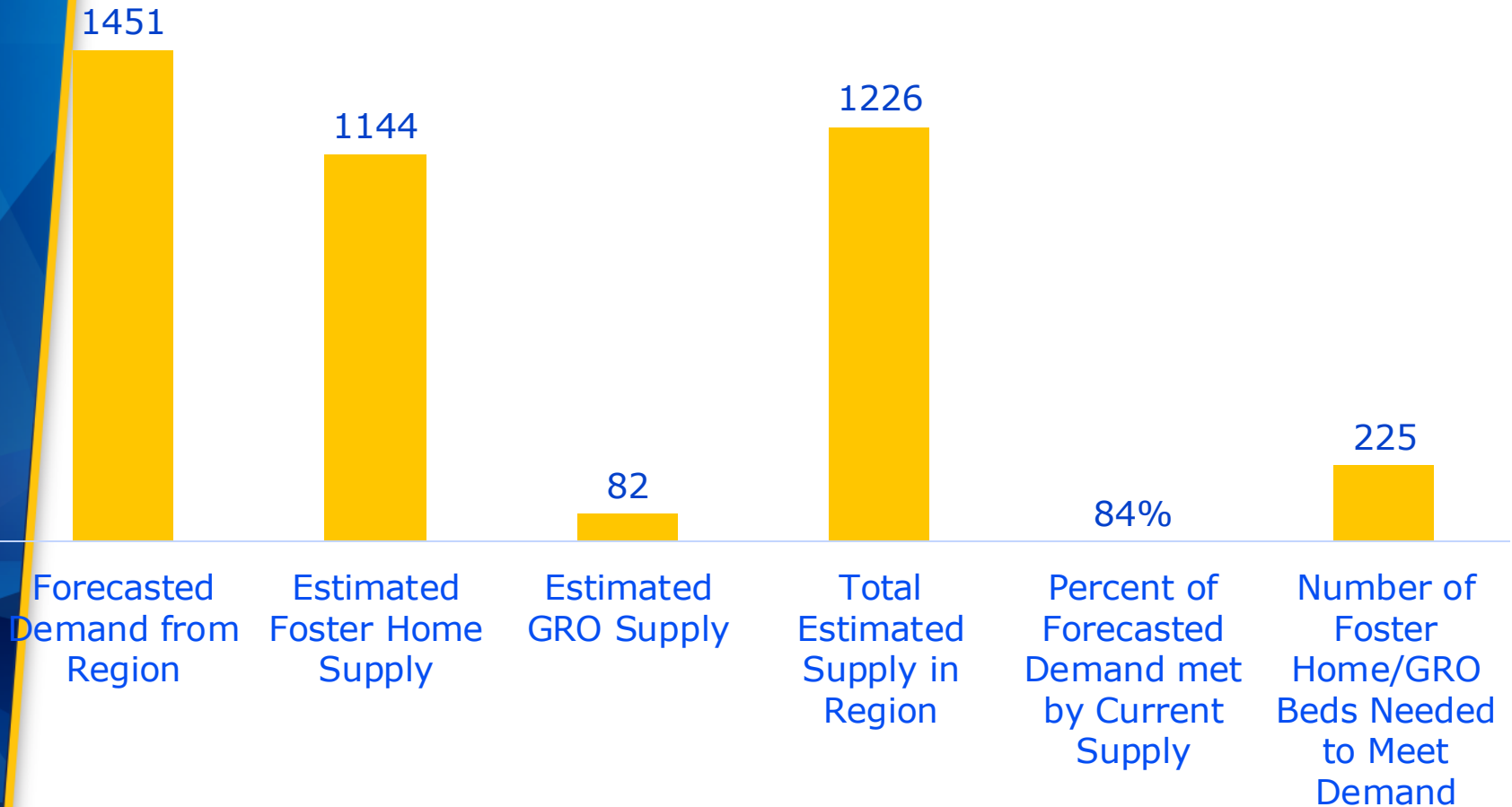
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Basic/Moderate

Region 7 does not have sufficient foster home supply to meet the forecasted demand



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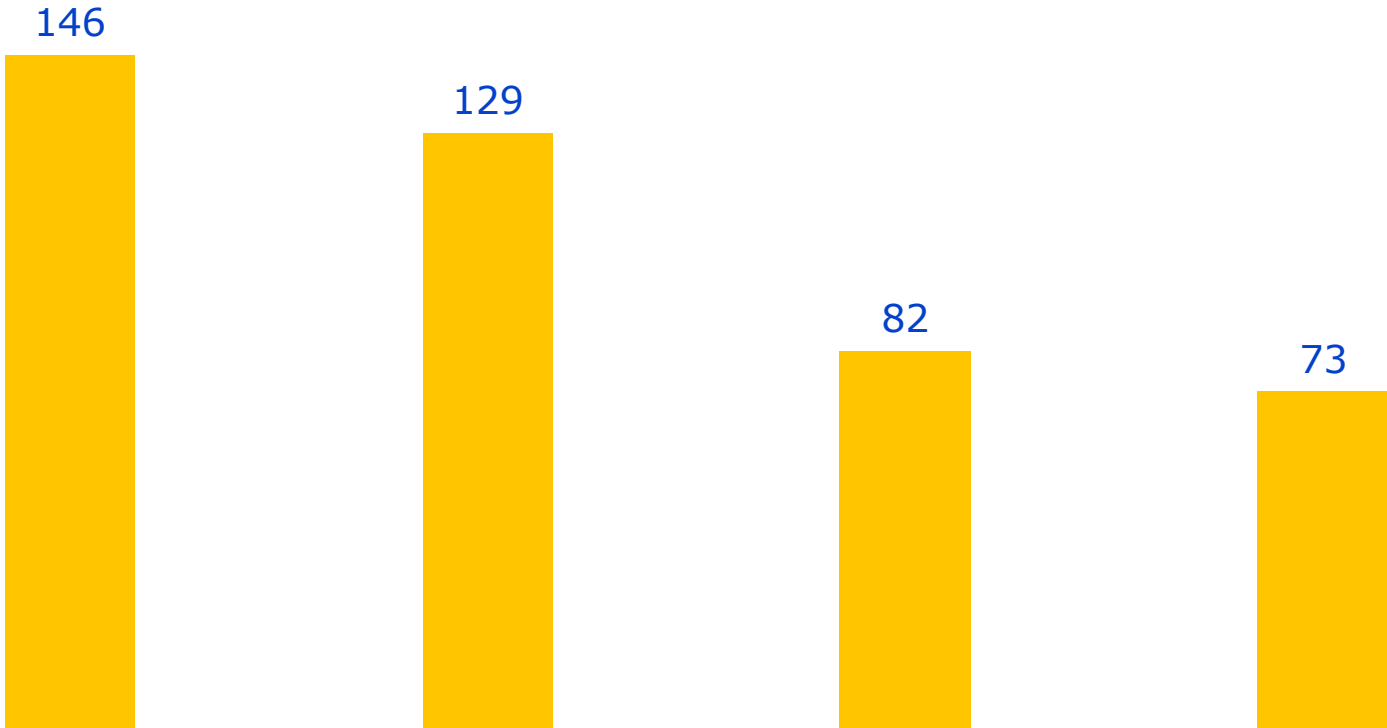
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Basic/Moderate Youth 14+

Only 88% of Basic and 89% of Moderate Forecasted Demand Met



FY22 Forecasted Demand from Region	FY19 Foster Home Bed Supply	FY22 Forecasted Demand from Region	FY19 Foster Home Bed Supply
Basic Service Level		Moderate Service Level	

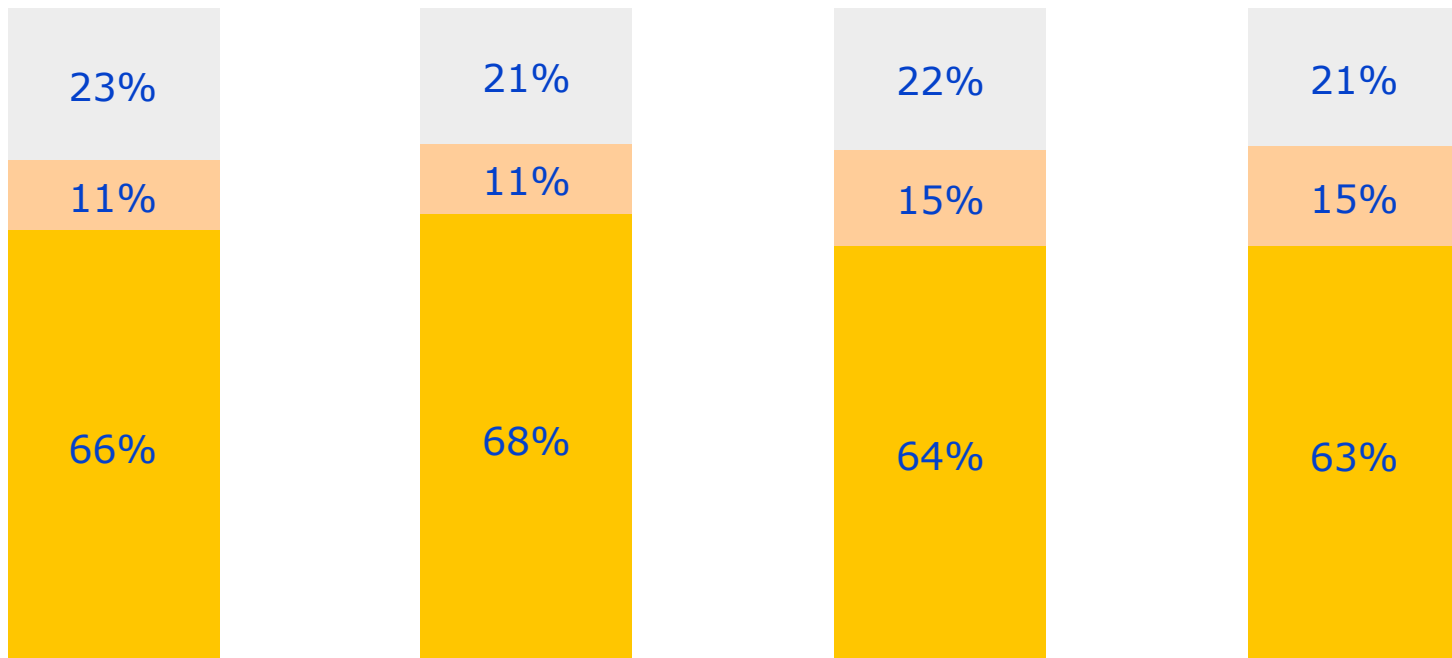
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Non-Relative Foster Care (All Ages)

R7 FY22 is projected higher percentage Basic than the State, but Moderate and Special/Intense are slightly less or similar

■ Basic ■ Moderate ■ Special/Intense



FY19

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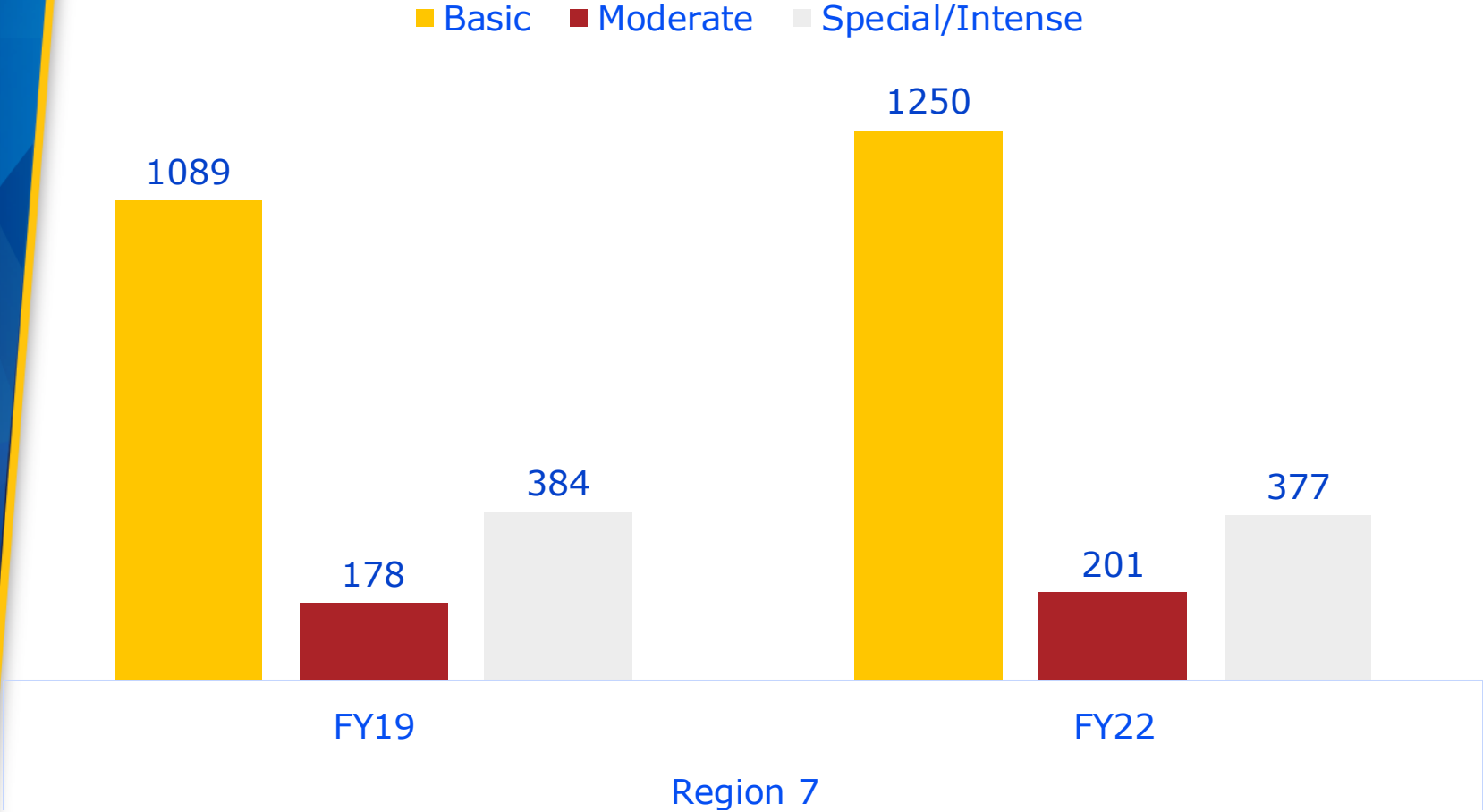
Statewide

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Estimated Daily Number (All Ages)

The number of children in Basic or Moderate care is expected to increase.



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Kinship Placements

Region 7 places children in Kinship placements at a higher rate than the state

Catchment	Children in Unverified Kinship Placements	Children in Kinship Foster Care	Total in Substitute Care	Rate of Kinship Placement
Region 7	2,203	108	4,292	54%
Statewide non-CBC	8,345	484	21,137	42%

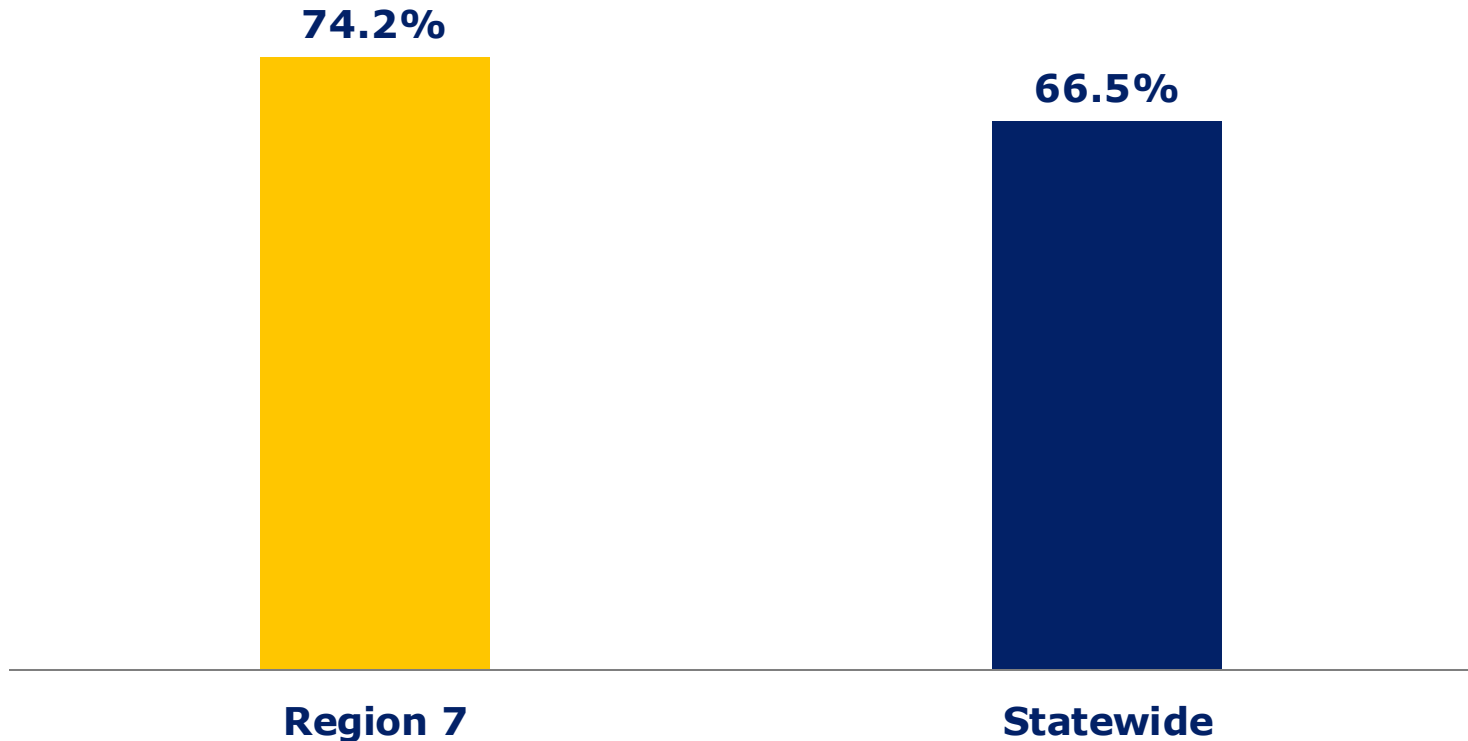
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Percentage of All Siblings Placed Together

Region 7 places all siblings together at a higher rate than the state



At the end of August 2019. Sourced from DFPS Data Warehouse.



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What's in the Needs Assessment and How Can You Use It?



Supplemental Information

- Active but vacant foster homes and beds in each catchment that may possibly be leveraged for additional supply without building new homes.
 - **R7 had 346 basic/moderate foster homes active but vacant** on August 31, 2019 but with at least one placement in last 12 months.
- On August 31, 2019, R7 had:
 - 5% of the total homes in R7 are DFPS homes.
 - The ratio of DFPS homes to Contracted CPA homes is .06
 - 41 contracted CPAs of which 11 have more than 50 foster homes.
- The report helps to identify areas where there may or may not be providers who have needed resources to leverage economies of scale to support building new homes, especially for higher needs children.

Goal 1: Increase support for existing caregiver/placement capacity



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The Foster Care Needs Assessment forecasts an increase number of youth who have specialized and intense needs. As a result of increased youth needs, it is important to educate and empower caregivers to access resources to assist in meeting the youth's needs while maintaining a stable placement.

Objective 1.1: Education on Star Health Services

Star Health offers extensive services and complex case management services; however, case managers and families are not aware of all the services available.

- CPS Staff will arrange for Star Health Services to provide training to all Child Placing Agency case managers at a Regional Provider Meeting.
- CPS Staff will continue to invite Star Health Representatives to all provider meetings.

Objective 1.2: Identification of Local Mental Health Authority Resources

It is important for families to understand the support and services that the Local Mental Health Authority (LMHAs) can provide for families and foster youth.

- CPS Staff will have a "Yes Waiver" provider attend a Regional Provider Meeting to explain their services to all Child Placing Agency Case Managers.
- CPS Staff will work with Child Placing Agency Case Managers and LMHAs to create a county specific list of resources and contact phone numbers to provide families.



Goal 2: Increase Kinship Caregivers becoming verified caregivers at the onset of the legal case

Objective 2.1: Caregiver Education

The first step to increase kinship caregivers becoming licensed caregivers is to make sure they are educated on what this means for them and how they can benefit from this service. The benefits being explained, both supportive and financial benefits can ensure the families make informed decisions.

- Kinship Caseworkers will provide caregivers an explanation of benefits. This will include a table explaining the financial support they will receive as a kinship caregiver and the end date as well as what the average compensation rate would be if they were to become verified through a Child Placing Agency.
- Kinship caregivers who are caring for children with specialized needs and behaviors will be encouraged to seek foster parent verification through a Child Placing Agency who can support treatment level youth.
- If the caregiver has declined to engage with FAD or a Child Placing Agency at the 4th month, a local FAD worker will visit with the family to talk them through the process, benefits, and discuss the family concerns.

Objective 2.2: Legal Team Education

In order to increase the number of kinship caregivers who become licensed caregivers, all legal parties and child advocates need to understand the benefits families receive. As the advocates and legal team understand the benefits they will also be able to encourage families to become verified caregivers.

- CPS will meet with local advocates, attorneys, and Judges to explain the process and benefits of becoming licensed caregivers.



Goal 3: Increase prepared families who are willing to accept emergency placements for teen youth who have significant arrest or behavioral history

Objective 3.1: Targeted Recruitment

We will focus on recruitment of individuals who have history working with our youth in different capacities.

- Recruitment will be a team effort by the local adoption collaborative and all agency partners.
- Present information sessions to professional groups with history of working in juvenile detention, hospitals, schools, and from the law enforcement community. Information sessions will be provided by multiple agency representatives.
- Utilize FosterCommunity.org to assist with streamlining information to match families with the best agency to work through.

Objective 3.2: Specialized Caregiver Training

In order to ensure families are prepared to meet the needs of our youth it is imperative they have the training and knowledge on how to respond and care for youth with significant traumatic history and triggered responses.

- Each family who goes through the licensing process will be able to serve treatment level youth and be trained in Emergency Behavior Intervention as supported by their Child Placing Agency.
- Each family who becomes licensed will receive Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) or another Trauma Informed Caregiver training.
- DFPS staff will continue to provide Pathways to Permanence 2 (P2P2) training throughout the region to all caregivers who are actively parenting a child who is not their own. DFPS will continue to partner with all Child Placing Agencies to offer this training to families.
- Each agency participating in this specialized recruitment effort will also build an internal agency support system for Crisis Intervention.

Objective 3.3: Intensified Household Support

In order to ensure families are prepared to meet the needs of our youth it is imperative they have community and agency support.

- Each agency participating in this specialized recruitment effort will build an internal support system for Crisis Intervention to help support families.
- Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA) will be engaged at the immediate time of placement and respond to the home for support and to assess the needs of the youth.



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Thank You

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